# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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FORMULATION OF BODY CODE FOR SAFETY OF BUSES
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated a body code for the safety of buses to address concerns raised due to several incidents of low floor CNG buses plying in Delhi catching fire;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has issued any advisory to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) to (d): The Bus Body Code, formulated by the Government lays down standards for various parts/bus body construction activities such as entry/exit door, emergency exit, floor level height, dimension of seats, seating layout, driver's work place requirements etc to provide comfort and safety to the passengers including persons with disabilities. The Government has already prescribed the safety and procedural requirements for type approval of CNG operated vehicles. It is the responsibility of the State Governments to investigate the causes of CNG buses catching fire to identify the problem and to rectify the defects. Therefore no advisory has been issued by the Union Government to State Governments.